

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOSEPH A MARTIN,  
Petitioner,

v.

WARDEN, AVENAL STATE PRISON,  
Respondent.

Case No. [20-cv-01785-KAW](#) (PR)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

Petitioner, a California prisoner, filed this petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 challenging his conviction in the Contra Costa County Superior Court. Petitioner has consented to the jurisdiction of the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge over this action. Petitioner has paid the \$5.00 filing fee.

It does not appear from the face of the petition that it is without merit. Good cause appearing, the Court hereby issues the following orders:

1. The Clerk of the Court shall serve electronically a copy of this Order upon Respondent and Respondent's attorney, the Attorney General of the State of California at the following email address: SFAWTParalegals@doj.ca.gov. The Petition and the exhibits thereto are available via the Electronic Case Filing System for the Northern District of California. The Clerk also shall serve by mail a copy of this Order on Petitioner.

2. No later than sixty days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall file with this Court and serve upon Petitioner an Answer conforming in all respects to Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, showing cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not be issued. Respondent shall file with the Answer all portions of the state record that have been transcribed previously and are relevant to a determination of the issues presented by the petition. If Petitioner

1 wishes to respond to the Answer, he shall do so by filing a Traverse with the Court and serving it  
2 on Respondent within forty-five days of his receipt of the Answer. If he does not do so, the  
3 petition will be deemed submitted and ready for decision on the date the Traverse is due.

4 3. No later than sixty days from the date of this Order, Respondent may file with this  
5 Court and serve upon Petitioner a motion to dismiss on procedural grounds in lieu of an Answer,  
6 as set forth in the Advisory Committee Notes to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254  
7 Cases. If Respondent files such a motion, Petitioner shall file with the Court and serve on  
8 Respondent an opposition or statement of non-opposition to the motion within forty-five days of  
9 receipt of the motion, and Respondent shall file with the Court and serve on Petitioner a reply  
10 within fourteen days of receipt of an opposition.

11 4. It is Plaintiff's responsibility to prosecute this case. Plaintiff must keep the Court  
12 informed of any change of address by filing a separate paper with the Clerk headed "Notice of  
13 Change of Address," and must comply with the Court's orders in a timely fashion. He also must  
14 serve on Respondent's counsel all communications with the Court by mailing a true copy of the  
15 document to Respondent's counsel.

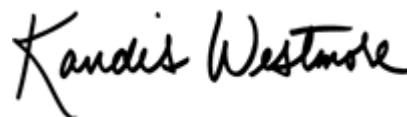
16 5. Extensions of time are not favored, though reasonable extensions will be granted.  
17 Any motion for an extension of time must be filed no later than **three** days prior to the deadline  
18 sought to be extended.

19 6. Respondent shall file his Consent or Declination to Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction  
20 on or before the date his answer is due.

21 This form can be found at [www.cand.uscourts.gov/civilforms](http://www.cand.uscourts.gov/civilforms).

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23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 Dated: April 21, 2020



25 KANDIS A. WESTMORE  
26 United States Magistrate Judge  
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